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Ref: 2794-22047

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
Duhon 3 Sand, Reservoirs F and H
ABBEVILLE FIELD
Vermilion Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: Hilcorp Energy Company

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of Hilcorp Energy Company for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Duhon 3 Sand, Reservoirs F and H, Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

1. To dissolve the existing drilling and production unit created as the Duhon 3 Sand, Reservoir F, by Office of Conservation Order No. 155-A-15 and Reservoir H by Office of Conservation Order No. 155-A-18 and to simultaneously create a revised single drilling and production unit of approximately 72.8 acres for the Duhon 3 Sand, Reservoir F, SUA, designated as the Duhon 3 RF SUA in the Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To grant an exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 155-A-15 and Statewide Order No. 29-E and to permit applicant, Hilcorp Energy Company to drill, designate and utilize the Hilcorp Energy Company Durks No. 1 as a substitute unit well for the Duhon 3 Sand, Reservoir F, such well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;
3. To permit applicant, Hilcorp Energy Company to designate and utilize the Hilcorp Energy Company (Marshall)-Donohue No. 1 Well as an alternate unit well for the Duhon 3 RF SUA, such well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;
4. To make a specific finding that such proposed alternate unit well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the Duhon 3 RF SUA which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any other well within the unit;
5. To grant a single unit allowable for the Duhon 3 RF SUA and to permit the operator of the unit to produce said unit allowables from the unit well, the proposed alternate unit well, or from both wells, at its option;
6. To confirm Hilcorp Energy Company as operator for the Duhon 3 RF SUA;

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7. To find that, except to the extent contrary to the order granted by the Commissioner of Conservation in connection with the hearing held on this application, the provisions of Office of Conservation No. 155-A-15 shall remain in full force and effect;
8. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the sand and reservoir by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of each reservoir changes and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation, and
9. To consider such other matters which may be pertinent to this application as shown by the evidence presented at the hearing held on this matter.

~~The Duhon 3 Sand, in the Abbeville Field was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 155-A-15, effective September 17, 1991.~~

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on October 8, 2003. Attached hereto and made a part hereof are lists of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at those conferences.

The conference was attended by Mr. Greg Duplantis. Mr. Bill Robbins of W. H. Robbins & Associates presented the plan of applicant. Mr. Leon Comeaux on behalf of Republic Resources, L.L.C. presented a plan of 12.3 acres with a separate unit for the Duhon 3 Sand designated the Duhon 3 RF SUC.

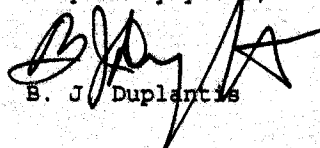
The conference was held simultaneously with the Republic Resources, L.L.C. conference relating to the above captioned matter. There was a question and answer period after which the meeting was adjourned. It is anticipated that there will be opposition at the public hearing on this matter.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the Duhon 3 Sand, Reservoir F, SUA, Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Bill Robbins of W. H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, La 70508 (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager, Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and
Interested Parties

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R 3 E

Donald C. Romero

Cameron Drug Store, Inc.

T. Leblanc

John Minnick, Jr., et al

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12620'

LGDC Dupree

C. J. Bergeron

DUHON 3 RH SUA
ORDER 155-A-18
(TO BE DISSOLVED)

Marie E. Lege Donohue

John Montagne, et al

ACREAGE TO
BE ADDED TO RF SUA
± 5 ACRES

DUHON 3 RF SUA
± 72.5 ACRES

PROPOSED
ALTERNATE
UNIT WELL

Marie E. Lege Donohue

Creighton Durke

Ethel Durke

Hazel Durke

Beatrice Durke

BHP

Derouen Ruby

Willie Mae Chauvin Derouen

R. Young

C. Durke

W.M. Derouen Loc.

Prop.

Hilcorp

Durke

12553' MD

12550' VD

Carl J. Durke

B. Young

Craig

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MS SUB
Order No. 155-Y-1

AS PER ORDER 155-A-15

Dant Oper.
R. J. Young

12700'

EXHIBIT NO.
DOCKET NO.

DATE:

HILCORP ENERGY COMPANY

ABBEVILLE FIELD
VERMILION PARISH, LOUISIANA
PROPOSED REVISED UNIT
DUHON 3 SAND RF SUA

0 500' 1000'

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